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Yes, I do have an excellent excuse! I just my tonsils out--9 stitches ouch--and have just had no ambition whatsoever for anything. I am reasonably recovered at this point and will proceed with all haste with this update.

8 TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE next time! Yes we have been in business now for 8 long years. Most of them have been fun but frankly it is getting to be a bore. It is not that I do not enjoy the game, DIPLOMACY is one of the best games around, it is the people that are getting to be a pain in the ass. Again, it is not the vast majority--many of the people who begin as novices in LD have gone on to become prominent in the hobby, the new recruits are all as enthusiastic as ever and seem to be enjoying the game as much as ever. However, there is a certain fringe group ~~who~~ who constantly try to screw up the hobby in the name of procedure and bureaucracy. The current crop ~~is~~ is headed by Ben Grossman, Greg Costikyan and John Leeder--with honorable mentions to Robert Sacks and Raymond Heuer.

As many of know we have been trying to reorganize the IDA to make it more useful to the members of the organization. The above five have tried to hamper those efforts from day one. It would have been well enough if, after the election campaign in which 'the Democrats' waged, in my opinion, a questionable campaign, these people then tried to help the HOBBY. Instead they have decided to create a crisis over WHO was elected president. These tin Ghods of Diplomacy have decided that the British votes should have counted in the election. They ran a telephone poll of the 'Council' in which an outright lie was told to the members casting their votes. They notified no one of the result of this spurious poll but published a DIPLOMACY REVIEW instead announcing Ray Heuer as president! (To keep perspective Grossman and Costikyan are being spoken of so far.) When the Council members found the true facts some changed their votes. Concerned parties were not even given the right to debate e--Mr. Costikyan decided that I would not want to call these persons and plead my case--in short Greg outlined who could debate the issue and also controlled the content of the question being asked--which as I have said was a lie. Costikyan and Grossman expect the membership to pay for this inaccurate information--to say nothing of the inappropriate material included by Grossman in DR. At this point Ray jumps into the act producing a Council Courier in which he basically suggests that we return to the old system and include the British in IDANA. He also asks for a voting system in which the old 'debate' vote would again be included--in short pushing the Council back to its old talk-a-lot-do-nothing era. Not to be undone, and trying to put another nail in the coffin of the IDANA, John Leeder decides to inject his 2¢ by urging the acceptance of the British votes claiming that I should hang by the letter of the constitution which does not exclude 'foreign' members. Of Course if John would bother to read the document he would find that the document says '...all those who pay dues set by Council shall be members.' NOTE the phrase pay dues and set by council. When we wrote the document we did NOT exclude foreign memberships ON PURPOSE. Yet those persons must PAY DUES. Council can establish a foreign rate if it wishes. 200 years ago we said "No taxation without representation" now Leeder et.al. would like the British to have representation without taxation. Leeder goes farther saying that he feels I might keep the treasury to blackmail the organization. This accusation is beyond contempt and shows how our illustrious former ombudsman's mind really works. What of Robert Sacks? Oh he has just been generally mixing the broth in the background. I have asked Costikyan and Grossman for their resignations effective immediately. Your opinions will be welcome.

1976 EJ the Fall of 1902

Austria, Coan owns; ser, ~~xxx~~, tri, bud, vie, BUL 5 equals 5 even

AVIE(S) a bud-TRI, A SER(S) f aeg-BULS, a bud-TRI

England, Rizzo owns; nwy, lon, edi, lvo, DEN, STP 6 equals 4 & 2

F NTH(C) a york-DEN, f nwy-STPNC, F HELGC-kiel

France, Decker owns; bor, bel, war, bre, war, SPA, HCL 7 equals 5 & 2

A BEL(S) a ruhr-HCL, a BURG(S) rus a sil-MUN, F SPASC H, f bre-MAC

Germany, Weeks owns; ~~den~~, ~~xxx~~, ber, kiel, ~~xxx~~ 2 equals 4 -2

a hol(~~xxx~~) a kiel-RUHR/d&a/, A MUN(~~xxx~~) a kiel-RUHR, f den-nth3...ABER-kiel

Italy, Lukon owns; tun, rom nap ven 4 EVEN

A TYO(~~xxx~~) F a burg-mun/not so ordered/, A VEN(S) A TYO, F ICN H, a atu-ADR

Russia, Thompson owns; rum, ~~xxx~~, war, mos, sev, MUN, SWE 6 equals 5 & 1

A MCS(S) f rum-SEV, F SWE(S) e a york-DEN, a sil-MUN, a gal-RUM

Turkey, Mohrman owns; ~~xxx~~, ank, smy, con, GRE 4 EVEN

A ARM(S) a con-SMY, f bla-CON, a bul-GRE

unowned ~~xxx~~, ~~xxx~~

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1975 GR the Winter of 1904

Austria, Clapper A BUD/6/a rum, a ser, a tus, f gre, f adr

England, Lukon -1/3/f bar, a sto, f nwg, f ~~xxx~~

France, Johnston -1/4/f wal, f ech, a gas, a spa, f ~~xxx~~

Germany, Myers A KIEL, A MUN/7/a ber, a burg, f hol, a lvr, f den

Italy, Matous A ROM/5/a war, f wes, a ven, f lyon

Russia, Tillitson a sto retreats OTE

EVEN/5/f bla, f art, a gal, a mos, f edi

Turkey, Gilmer even/4/f aeg, f buls, a con, a ank

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1977 U the Spring of 1901

Austria, McElvaney f tri-ABB, a bud-SER, a vie-TRI

England, Bowers a lvo-EDI, f edi-NWG, f lon-NTH

France, Beals f bre-ECH, a war-PIC, a war-PIED

Germany, Youngquist a ber-KIEL, a mun-RUHR, f kiel-HCL

Italy, Tuckman f nap-ICN, a rom-APU, a VEN H

Russia, Wan f sto-BOTH, a mos-STP, a war-UKR, f sev-RUM

Turkey, Knight A SMY H, a con-BUL, f ank-CON

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1976 BH the spring of 1905

Austria, Tilson A SER(S) F gre-BULSC, A BOH (S) & A SIL(~~xxx~~) a ATYO-mun

England, Verheiden/3/f lon(~~xxx~~) f edi-YORK, f lvo-CLY

France, Mahler/6/F IRI(S) f bre-ECH, A GAS(S) A BURG, A BURG(S) ger & MUN,

a bel-RUHR, f nao-LVP

Germany, Pitsch/7/A BER (S) Army MUN, F NTH(S) a york-LON, F Nwy(S) F NTH,

a kiel-DEN, F SWE-bal

Italy, Boyer/5/ A SMY(~~xxx~~) TURKISH F CON ordered to move, F ICN & F END

(C) a nap-SYR, A VEN H

Russia, Beyerlein/7/ a lvn-PRU, F BOTH-bal, a STP-nwy, F ANK-bla, a WAR-

sil, a sev-ARM, a bul-con d...

Turkey, Nichols/1/ F CON-bla, a smy-arm no such piece

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O&D AND DIPLOMACY.

1977 T the Fall of 1901

Austria, Snodgrass DMR Neutral moves made

owns; ~~1/1~~, bul, tri, SER, GRE 4 equals 3 & 1

A SER(S) f alb-GRE, A TRI H

England, Ditter owns; home, nwy 4 equals 3 & 1

F NTH(C) a YCRK-bel, f nwy-NWY

France, Peterson owns; home PORT 4 equals 3 & 1

f mao-PORT, A MAR H, A BURG-bel

Germany, Wong owns; home, hol, den 5 equals 3 & 2

A BURG-burg, a kiel-HCL, F DEN H

Italy, Brown owns; home, tun 4 equals 3 & 1

a bied-TYC, A VEN-tri, f ion-TUN

Russia Matt owns; home, vie, rum, swe 7 equals 4 & 3

F BLA(S) a ukr-P M, f both-SWE, a gal-VIE

Turkey, Graves owns; home, bul 4 equals 3 & 1

A BUL-gre, f con-AEG, a ank-CON

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1977 P the Fall of 1901

Austria, Elasioh owns; home, SER, GRE 5 equals 3 & 2

A SER(S) TUR a bul-RUM, A BUD-vie, f alb-GRE

England, Weight owns; home, nwy, bel 5 equals 3 & 2

F BCR(C) a wal-BEL, f north-NWY

France, Newell owns; par, bre, ~~spa~~, spa? 2 equals 3 - 1 unless a mar retreats to Spain then 3 EVEN

a pic-PAR, f mao-BRE, a mar M d...

Germany, Ingram owns; home, den, hol 5 equals 3 & 2

A BURG(S) Ita a bied-MAR, F HCL(S) eng a wal-BEL, a kiel-DEN

Italy, G. Knight owns; home, tun, mar 5 equals 3 & 2

F ION(C) a sou-TUN, a bied-MAR

Russia, Johnston owns; home, swe 5 equals 4 & 1

F RUM(S) tur f con-bul/not so ordered-dislodged.../, A UKR-gal, A GAL vie, f both-SWE

Turkey, Frank owns; home, rum 4 equals 3 & 1

a bul-RUM, f con-BLA, a ank-ARM

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1976 BQ the spring of 1904

Austria, Karan/2/NER drop C.D.

a VIE, A TRI

England, Adams/8/ A GAS(S) ger a pic-PAR, f ion-NTH, f lvp-IRI, a mar-PIED, f NWY H, f port-SPASC, f bre-MAC, f WES-tun

France, Decker/1/ a par-BURG

Germany, Hance/6/ A BCR(S) A BURG-mun, A BER(S) a pru-SIL, f den h/d..., a pic-PAR

Italy, Frank/4/ F ADR(S) F NAP-ion, A VEN H, a alb-gre/d&a/

Russia, Sypher/8/ F SWE(S) f bel-DEN, A SER(S) tur a gre-ALB, a bud-GAL, a gal-WAR, a sil-mun/d&a/, a lvn-PRU, f rum-SEV

Turkey, Ameling/5/ F AEG(S) F END-ion, F ION-tun, a gre-ALB, a bul-GRE

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1976 DX the Winter of 1902

Austria, Fahn

F TRI, A BUD/7/ a bul, f gre, a ven, a vie, f apu

England, Smith f nth r CTB EVEN/2/ f ion, f ech

France, Nyderok A PAR, F MAR/7/ f bre, a spa, a bel, f lvp, a gas

Germany, Baillie 4598 Decarie Blvd #6, Montreal H3X-2H5

Even/5/ f den, f nth, a hol, a kiel, a mun

Italy, Blaisol nrr, gar -1/3/ f ~~16A~~, ftyrr, a pied, a tyo

Russia, Fabry A WAR, A MOS/8/ f con, a rum, f nwy, a arm, f swe, f stop

Turkey, Graves EVEN/2/ a ank, f aeg

1976 DY the Winter of 1902

Austria, Holt

A VIE, A BUD/7/ f alb, f tri, a rum, a ser, a gre

England, Ehler A EDIN/6/ a den, f swe, f nth, f nwg, f nwy

France, Crockett

A MAR/7/ a rohr, a mun, f wes, f bel, a burg, f mao

Germany, a tun r CTB, a ber r CTB EVEN/2/ A Hol, f kiel

Italy, Sypher EVEN/4/ f ion, f apu, a tun, a ven

Russia, Rizzo -1/4/ f ~~1/1~~, a fin, a sil, f ber, f bal

Turkey, Caster F SMY/4/ f sev, a ank, f con

the deadline for the Spring of 1903 is by 4PM on Tuesday May 17, 1977

1974 RW the Spring of 1911

Pat Allen acknowledged a call to be placed in this game but sent no moves. Don Horton did not move. Alan Rowland sent no adjustment. In short no one, except Arnold Vagts, cares about this game. Since Arnold's spring move crushed effective Turkish resistance annihilating another Turkish piece and also since he moved into Marseilles I declare the game OVER ending in Spring 1911 with an English win.

		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
Austria	Eric Verheiden	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	-			
England	Arnold Vagts	5	6	7	8	9	11	11	13	14	16	wins
France	Don Horton	4	5	5	7	6	5	5	6	6	6	
Germany	Tim Tilson	5	5	5	6	5	4	3	1	-		
Italy	Edi Birsan	5	4	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	resign F09, Alan
Russia	Dave Johnson	6	6	2	-							Rowland
Turkey	Don Pitsch	4	6	8	8	9	9	9	12	12	11	dropped F10, Pat
												Allen

1975 S the Winter of 1909

The vote to concede to Austria Passes

		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
Austria	Pat Allen	5	6	7	8	11**11	13*	14	17	win by concession	
England	Steve Tresco	5	6	7	8	5	4	4	2	1	F09 drop
France	Labre	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	S04 dr, Daniel Mathias
Germany	David Ditter	5	3	-							
Italy	Colin Foster	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	11	
Russia	Richard Weeks	5	6	9	10	10	9	6	5	4	
Turkey	Alan McCarthy	5	3	1	-						F03 CD

1975 W The Winter of 1905

Austria, CD Even/2/ a tyo, a boh

England, Sypher F EDIN, A LVP, A LON/9/f ech, a bel, f bre, a par, f hol, a den

Italy, Silko F NAP/7/f tun, f wes, a rom, a port, a ven, a tar

Russia Foster A STP, A WAR/9/f kiel, a rum, a sil, a vie, a ber, f sev, a mun, a bud

Turkey, Michal F SMY/6/ a ser, f aeg, f gre, a con, a ank

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1975 CG Spring 1909

Austria, Adams a gal retreated to Rumania

A RUM(S) A UKR H, a tyo-boh/d..., a tri-BUD, a apu-ALB

England, Sergeant/11/

A LVN(S) A MOS H, A WAR(S)fre a SIL-gal, F BAL(C)A STP-pru with F BOTH,

A STP-pru, F NTH, F PAR, F NWG all Hold

France, Rittle /11/ A BOH(S)ENG A GAL-vie, A MUN(S)a tied-TYO, F NAP

(S)F TUS-rom, F TYRR(S)F NAP, A ROM-ven, F TUS-rom, A RUHR H, a nar-

PIED, A SIL-gal

Italy, Baillie/1/ A VEN H

Turkey, Nix /6/ F ADR(C)aus a apu-ALB, F AEG& F EMD(S) F ION H, A VIE

(S)AUS a tyo-boh, A SEV(S) aus A UKR

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1975 IX the Spring of 1906

Austria, Wan/4/a bud(S)a tri-ser/d&a (bud),d...tri, f adr(S)a vie-tri f adr d..., a vie d&a

England, Crockett/11/ A MOS(S)A GAL (impossible),A UKR& A SIL(S)AGAL.

A GAL(S)fre a bohVIE, a lvn-WAR, F HELGO, F NWG, F BAR, F NTH, A BER,

A KIEL all Hold

France, Treworgy/11/ F APU(S)f lon-ADR, A MUN(S) A TYO, A TYO(S)a ven-

TRI, F TYRR(S)f nap-ION, a tied-VEN, A TUN H, a boh-VIE, a nar-PIED

Turkey, Foster/8/ F ELA(S)A SEV, A SEV(S)A RUM, A RUM(S)a ser-EVD,

A GRE-ser, a con-SUL, a ank-ARM, F AEG-gre

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1975 HS the Spring of 1906

Austria, Baillie/8-1/ A VIE&A TYO H, A SER(S)tur F RUM, A VEN(S) A TYO

A BUD(S)A VIE, f tri-AB, A ROM H, F TUN-tyrr

England, Dorchack/6/ F ECH(S) f mao-BRE, a ukr-MOS, f nth-NWG, F WES

(S)f lyon-TYRR

France, Wan/5/A MAR(S)a nar-BURG, F PORT(S)f spand-MAC, a tre-PIE

Germany, Ateling/8/A BOH(S)a MUN-tyo, a pic-PAR, A RUHR-mun, a hol-BEL

F DEN H, F BOTH H, A GAL-vie

Turkey, Anderson/5-2/ NVR A ANK, A SEV, F RUM, A CON, APMY

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